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UN/OPI SPOKESMAN STATEMENT AT JULY 31 BRIEFING THAT SYG IS
"VERY CONCERNED" OVER CONTINUED DETENTION IN ETHIOPIA OF
GEOLOGIST MATTIE TIMBALA, US CITIZEN RESIDENT IN CANADA AND
EMPLOYED BY UNDP SINCE MARCH 1973. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN,
WALDHEIM "CONCERNED BY UNJUSTIFIED DETENTION OF THIS
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST WHO WAS TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS IN NO MANNER CONNECTED WITH LOCAL POLITICAL
SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. " SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SYG BELIEVES
"NO USEFUL PURPOSE IS ACHIEVED BY FURTHER DETENTION."
LASTLY, SPOKESMAN SAID SYG HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO
ETHIOPIAN GOVT ON MATTER AND HOPES TIMBALA WILL BE RELEASED
"IMMEDIATELY".
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